

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

2nd February 2023

Youth Sleepover Success in Montrose!



Photo: Fierce warriors gather in battle dress to hunt the wild haggis! (Photo: Nancy Scott).

Last weekend saw St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Montrose, bursting at the seams with young people and youth leaders who had gathered for a Burns Night Special Sleepover. All the fun and games had a Scotland theme, including a Haggis Hunt and a Burns Supper where Bishop Andrew addressed the haggis. After a night spent camping out inside the church,

the young people led creative worship on Sunday morning: this featured a newly-formed worship band, which helped raise the roof with an especially jubilant version of 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'! For more photographs and information about this event, please visit the website: <https://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/news/entry/burns-night-youth-sleepover>

Some Events in the Diocese this Coming Week

Refresh! Lent and Easter: Sat 4 Feb at St Ninian's, Dundee 10am – 12.30pm

Following the success of the Christmas workshop, Claire, the Children and Youth Officer will lead an interactive workshop full of new things to try for Lent and Easter, including all-age Ash Wednesday and Good Friday activities. All clergy, lay readers, lay leaders and volunteers are welcome. Please email Claire to let her know you're coming: youth@brechin.anglican.org

St Mary Magdalene's Church Dundee Wednesday Concert: 8 Feb

Music at St Mary Magdalene's continues at 12.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. On 8th February the Carnoustie Traditionals will perform Scottish music. Concerts last approximately 30 minutes and tea and coffee are available.

Friday Lunchtime Concert at St Pauls Cathedral Dundee: 10 Feb

St. Paul's Friday lunchtime concerts return on Friday 10th February at 1.00pm, with pianist Christopher Baxter playing a programme which will include music by Beethoven, Werlé and Chopin. Afterwards the concert stick around for tea, coffee and cake and a chance to meet the performers. Tickets are £5 for adults or £3 for students.

Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral present a concert with Sheena Wellington, Bruce Davies and Friends: Sat 11 Feb

On Saturday 11th February from 3 to 5pm, St. Pauls Cathedral will host an afternoon concert. Sheena Wellington and Bruce Davies will be joined by Dawn Wood, Andy Jackson, the Wighton Singers and the Tayside Young Fiddlers. Tickets will cost £12 (£10 for members).

Hymnathon Fundraiser at All Saint's Glencarse, 24 and 25 February 2023

All Saint's Glencarse will be filled with music from every season of the year as Ven Canon Ian Young plays his way through every single hymn in their hymn book to raise funds for the rebuilding of a small church primary school in Eswatini, recently destroyed in an arson attack. Please support this excellent project to help the Diocese of Swaziland. You are very welcome to come to Glencarse and join Ian on the days he will be playing—sing a verse or two of the hymns, or you can support the project by giving directly to the appeal.

Donations can be sent through a crowdfunding page set up on JustGiving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swazilandhymnathon>

Diocesan Council Report: Jan 2023

Diocesan Council met on Tuesday 19th January 2023, by Zoom (as has been the norm since the pandemic in 2020). Nine of the current eleven members of Council were present. Having opened in prayer and confirmed the previous meeting minutes, Council approved a motion for the Bishop to support a Dundee City Council 'Faith Covenant'. The Council also received an update on a copyright matter that is being resolved. The Bishop then reported his perspective on how Christmas had gone around the diocese and reflected on some possible ongoing areas of post-pandemic work in 2023.

Council also received the report on Children and Youth work from Claire Benton-Evans, the Diocesan Officer. She reported her planned workshop, the Iowa pilgrimage later in 2023 for young adults and Provincial youth work she leads that Brechin Diocese is hosting. Council then received a report from Canon Pat Millar on our Companionship Dioceses. She raised concerns with the security and humanitarian situation in Eswatini, but reported ongoing positive work to support projects in the country. The planned 'Hymnathon' led by Ven Ian Young in Glencarse in February will be an important support project for the Diocese of Swaziland.

Council then discussed the environmental work needed in Brechin for the net zero project: in particular how our structures and organisation might best support this. The approach taken e.g. the Diocesan Environmental Working Group and Council representation will be further developed. Property issues

were then discussed, with a focus on decisions needed with the Diocesan house in Invergowrie, now that this is vacant. A discussion with the Invergowrie vestry was planned.

Council then discussed finance and governance. Bob Main presented the draft figures against budget for the end of the Diocesan year back at the start of December 2022, showing an outturn very close to the budget. The accounts will be prepared and received at the Autumn Synod in 2023. Governance: the Spring Synod was discussed, with the business of Canonical changes (Canon 4, for electing bishops) and appointing members to Diocesan and Provincial boards and committees noted. The Synod will be held on 4th March 2023, in St Mary's Broughty Ferry.

Finally, the Diocesan website was discussed, with some issues identified about out-of-date information and data that was hard to find. Prof Peter Sharp volunteered to help address these problems with Elliott Scarfe, the Bishop's PA.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues, so we have placed information and resources to help with living costs on a new page on the Diocesan website. The page can be found here: Cost of Living Crisis page <https://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/news/entry/cost-of-living-crisis-information-and-resources>

Synod Calling Notice

The calling notice for Diocesan Synod (to be held on Saturday 4th March in St Mary's Broughty Ferry) will be going out this week. Papers will follow in mid February. If you do not receive notice (this week) or papers (by mid Feb), please contact the office.

Any news to share in the Bulletin?



If you have upcoming events of interest to the whole diocese and stories and photos of events after they have taken place, we would love to share these in the bulletin. Email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org